

Flooding Mitigation Committee MEETING MINUTES February 19, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

The City of Miami Beach Flooding Mitigation Committee met on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The meeting was led by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson. Commissioner Michael Grieco was in attendance. It was m/s/p to accept the minutes of the meeting held on January 28, 2014 with two corrections. The spelling of Commissioner Jonah Wolfson has been corrected and it is to be stated that the committee's focus on flooding will have both short and long term solutions.

Commissioner Grieco requested that the Committee hear a report from David Doeblar. Mr. Doeblar presented information on clogged storm drains that exist throughout the City of Miami Beach. He suggested adding more trash cans, better drains, increasing cleaning schedules and flexible style catch bins.

The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Flooding and Sea Rise adopted the position to set 2.7 ft.-NAVD as the design criteria for tailwater elevation in the City of Miami Beach. The Flooding Mitigation Committee moved, second, and passed (m/s/p) in a unanimous vote of the 3 members Commission Committee to adopt the same standard to recommend to the Miami Beach City Commission at the February 12, 2014 Commission Meeting.

Discussions continued around the need for increasing the number of pump stations throughout the City of Miami Beach to avoid flooding caused by sea level rise and water intrusion. Building code elevations need to be updated and seawalls will need to go deeper and higher at levels yet to be determined. Focus was given to the current Alton Road project and future planned projects with concerns that consideration be given to water, sewer, and drainage issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The Flooding Mitigation Committee will meet next on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. The meeting will be posted on the City's website www.miamibeachfl.gov, Quick Links, Commission Committee Referral Tracking (CCRT), Flooding Mitigation Home Page to obtain future and past agendas.

